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TAGS: EG, LY, UR

SUBJECT: "OBSERVER" ARTICLE ON DANGER OF EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN CONFLICT

1. AUGUST 22 PRAVDA HAS AN ARTICLE SIGNED "OBSERVER"  
(MORE ACCURATELY - "REVIEWER" OBOZREVATEL) EXPRESSING  
CONCERN OF SOVIET PEOPLE OVER PROSPECT OF RENEWED  
HOSTILITIES BETWEEN EGYPT AND LIBYA. ARTICLE GOES ON AT  
SOME LENGTH ABOUT HARM WHICH SUCH CONFLICT DOES TO TWO  
COUNTRIES THEMSELVES, TO SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST, AND TO  
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ARAB FRONT AGAINST ISRAEL. IMPERIALISTS AND REACTIONARY  
CIRCLES ARE BLAMED FOR PROVOKING FRICTION BETWEEN TWO  
COUNTRIES IN A MANNER SIMILAR TO THAT EMPLOYED IN HORN  
OF AFRICA.

2. ARTICLE HAS A SURPRISINGLY BLAND AND BALANCED TONE.  
ONLY EVIDENCE OF SOVIET TILT TOWARD LIBYANS IS ONE

REMARK ON EGYPTIAN AIR FORCE PLANES BOMBING TOBRUK  
AND OTHER POPULATED POINTS, AND ANOTHER ON ISRAELI  
ENCOURAGEMENT OF EGYPTIAN TRANSFER OF TROOPS FROM SINAI  
PENINSULA TO LIBYAN BORDER.

3. COMMENT: "OBSERVER" ARTICLES ARE CONSIDERED MORE  
AUTHORITATIVE THAN SIGNED PRAVDA PIECES, BUT LESS SO THAN  
STATEMENTS BY TASS OR SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE. ONLY  
SIGNIFICANCE WE SEE IN THIS PARTICULAR ITEM IS THAT,  
EVEN AFTER EGYPTIAN SLAP IN FACE OVER COTTON EMBARGO,  
SOVIETS ARE STILL SHOWING PUBLIC RESTRAINT TOWARD  
EGYPTIANS.  
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